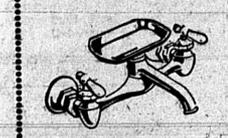


**STORKatorials**

Children born to local parents in the Torrance Memorial hospital during the past week are the following:  
 Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Borgis, 1663 W. 216th st., girl, Sept. 21, 5:51 a.m.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Merle Burge, 1607 W. 216th st., boy, Sept. 23, 3:17 p.m.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Apuleyo Villagomez, Harbor City, girl, Sept. 22, 11:40 p.m.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Wilson, 2214 Cabrillo ave., girl, Sept. 20, 8:56 a.m.  
 Mr. and Mrs. James Williams, 20538 S. New Hampshire ave., boy, Sept. 19, 7:12 a.m.

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**Register 1506 In Elementary Schools Here**

Three elementary schools here registered 1506 pupils during the first week of enrollment, reports reveal. This number is slightly under last year's figures, due largely to the WRA abandonment of the Japanese relocation center at the local flight strip.

Walteria school has enrolled 107 pupils, which compares to 103 registered for the same period last year. The average daily attendance, however, was 147, reached when the relocation center housed its maximum number of families. The school has four teachers including the principal, Mrs. Vena Bragg.

At Fern avenue, the double sessions have been eliminated this year due to the four new classrooms completed during the summer. Four new teachers complete the staff of 13. These are, Mrs. Darleah E. Allbright, Mrs. Margaret Hughes, Miss Elizabeth L. Stephens and Mrs. Eva Thomas.

A total of 471 pupils are enrolled, Mrs. Carolyn Blackman, principal, announced.  
 Torrance elementary school has registered 950 to date, Principal B. J. Strand reported. Five new teaching assignments have been made, he said, which are for replacements. The faculty consists of 32 teachers.  
 More than 50 youngsters, starting kindergarten for the first time, were disappointed on the opening date when they found the school was unable to accept them.

Strand said 66 kindergartners were enrolled at the present time, which equals the number for last year, but an additional teacher would soon be assigned to handle the unexpected "first-timers."

**DEER HUNTERS**  
 W. A. Felker, Von M. Bergan, Ted Meier, all of Torrance, accompanied by Harry Christensen, of Long Beach, are enjoying a week's deer hunting trip in the High Sierras.

**PROTESTING CROWD FORCES COUNCIL TO DEFER LICENSE ORDINANCE; SALES TAX DUE**

The idea already has met with the approval of the other three councilmen present, declared that objectionable features could be taken care of after the adoption of the ordinance and got "boos" from the attending witnesses. He did not like that at all, and reiterated his stand that the council has the right to amend the ordinance and is willing to amend it if adopted.

Taking this cue, Councilman C. M. Gilbert moved for adoption of the ordinance, after declaring that the majority of the group in the council chambers had not given the council any credit for the work it had done in attempting to frame and enact a license ordinance.

Gilbert's motion failed to get a second, Acting Mayor Tolson and Councilmen Powell and A. L. Jackson remaining mute for several minutes until Jackson said that he believed the ordinance should be taken under consideration for future study. He attempted to second Powell's motion to defer action on the ordinance, but Acting Mayor Tolson would not permit it until Gilbert had withdrawn his motion to adopt the ordinance.

This was done and the public hearing set for Oct. 9.  
 This did not end the reaction from the community, and Albert Isen, attorney, liquor store operator and landlord representing extensive apartment and commercial holdings, asked for a public hearing at the Tuesday night meeting.

"What is wrong with this meeting for a public hearing?" he asked.  
 Powell took exception to Isen's remarks and the council passed on to other business, but the crowd remained.

The routine business cared for, Wittanen again was on his feet in protest of the provisions of the ordinance relating to apartment houses, and Herbert C. Allen wanted to know why it was necessary to increase the license fee.  
 Acting Mayor Tolson replied to Allen that it was necessary to raise funds, pointing out that the ad valorem tax is at its legal limit and the city still does not have enough money on which to operate.

Powell said that the cost of materials and labor are up so high that they were forcing city costs out of bounds.  
 Tolson pointed out that it is the duty of the council to raise funds to carry on the functions of city government.

Sam Levy, merchant and property owner, called for appointment of a committee (non-political) to survey the fiscal needs of the city and said that "some of us feel that you don't have to raise any more money on a \$27,000,000 assessed valuation." He challenged the council that he could prove it can be done if the council will cooperate.

Levy declared that the General Petroleum Corp. pays more money to Torrance than all the people of Redondo Beach pay for their city government. "We ought to be able to run this town and run it good," Levy declared.

Councilman Powell took issue with Levy in pointing out that Redondo Beach is of but six square miles in size and Torrance is 18 square miles. He said that this fact runs up the costs of roads, engineering and other functions of Torrance city government.  
 Isen again took the floor and

**OBITUARY**

**MARLAN WHITACRE**  
 Services for Marlan Whitacre, 57, who died Sept. 18 following an illness of several months, was conducted in the Gamby chapel Saturday. A resident of Torrance for the past 27 years, Mr. Whitacre had been employed with the National Supply here since 1919. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Floella Whitacre; sons, Gilbert, Gale, Paul, Orville and Harlan Whitacre Jr.; daughters, Barbara and Mrs. Louise Gilbert, all residents of Torrance; a sister, Mrs. Bertha Reynolds resides in Los Angeles; three brothers, Court, Harvey and Charlie Whitacre, living in Indiana. Interment was in the Inglewood Park cemetery.

That the council keep Torrance as good a town as possible. "Torrance was developed as a modern industrial city and we want to keep it a modern industrial city," he said. "Keep the business here, provide more work, more merchants, more business. If we work hard and attract one major industry to Torrance, it will mean more than the \$22,000 to be raised in the proposed ordinance." He called for elimination of the head tax and said a liberal policy will mean a lot more "to all of us" than the proposed ordinance.

F. J. Carpenter, treasurer of the National Supply Co., said that the industries of Torrance had attended two hearings on the proposed ordinance, one poorly attended, and declared that "we have said plenty about it," but thanked Isen for his remarks in behalf of local manufacturers.

Head taxes had been amended to meet objections of industry, having been reduced to those charged by the City of Long Beach, per employee, \$1 for the first 25, 50 cents each up to 100, and 25 cents on all above 100.

The resolution of the Chamber of Commerce asking for the appointment of a City Manager to work out the financial problems of the city was referred to the council as a whole for study and it read as follows:  
 "WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce is of the opinion that the present

**Self-Evaluation Survey Results In Board Meet**

The recent self-evaluation survey, conducted by the Los Angeles curriculum department, revealing the urgent need of improvement in educational achievements of pupils at various grade levels in the academic areas tested has resulted in a meeting of the Los Angeles board of education which expressed a deep interest in the "next steps."

Assistant Superintendent G. Millage Montgomery yesterday called a meeting of various department heads in the Los Angeles Central Administration office for the purpose of determining ways and means toward correcting the situation. Torrance high school principal Raymond J. Casey, who attended yesterday's meeting, announced another meeting of the group will be held today.

The local high school faculty, Casey said, will be advised of the results at a faculty meeting here Oct. 1. Definite steps will be taken, the principal revealed, to bring students up to standard so that weaknesses shown in the evaluation survey may be eliminated.

financial condition of the City of Torrance requires the careful study and attention of a disinterested City Manager, and  
 "WHEREAS, present economic conditions require economy and curtailment of expenditures in the conduct of public affairs now, therefore be

"RESOLVED, that this Board recommend to the City Council of the City of Torrance that it adopt an ordinance creating the office of City Manager, and conferring upon him fixed and definite powers and authority to effect such economy and curtailment in the expenditure of public funds."

Written protests were read from the Torrance-Lomita Realty Board, D. & L. Auto Parts, Torrance Bowling Academy, Joshua Hendy Iron Works, American Rook Wool Corp., F. G. Dominguez and C. N. Emmet.

**Private Police Patrol Permit Plea Pondered**

California Private Patrol, operated by C. P. Carstensen, of Hawthorne, has asked for a permit to conduct a patrol in Torrance.  
 The company said that it would install a time-clock patrol for benefit of local business houses. The plea was referred to Police Chief John Stroth.

**TARTAR KNIGHTS**

The boys' honor organization of Torrance high school, the Tartar Knights, has announced appointment of officers for this semester. They are: captain, LeRoy Schwenk; first lieutenants, Corky Northway and Edward King; second lieutenants, Bill Morgan and Melvin Jarrat; secretary, Jay R. Stroth; treasurer, Bud Smith. Other members are Ralph George, Dick Malin, Bill Tolson, Jack Hood, Alfonso Ordaz, Bill Spangler and Jack Turner.



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